

# Segment Four — Lake Pleasant to Cave Creek

Segment Four begins on the west side of Lake Pleasant and travels eastward to connect with Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area and Cave Creek Recreation Area. The trail will begin at one of the primary parking areas within Lake Pleasant Regional Park and stay within the park boundaries until it connects with the Agua Fria River corridor. Ideally, it will remain north of SR74 and utilize an existing waterline corridor for most of the distance to I-17. The crossing of I-17 will take place at Deadman Wash. East from I-17, the trail will run north of Desert Hills Drive and up Skunk Creek in a corridor provided by the Anthem development. The trail will continue eastward along Rodger Creek and through Greer Ranch. The trail will fork with one leg continuing eastward to Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area and the other proceeding southward to Cave Creek Recreation Area. A north/south connection will be made through the Cahava Springs development.

A number of alternatives were explored in this corridor. There are numerous trail alignments identified on the Recreational Trails map in the Maricopa County New River Area Plan (Appendix F) that served as a starting point. The majority of these routes did not fit the needs of the regional trail because

they did not provide the connections we were seeking between the regional parks. Potential trails that followed existing roadway alignments, traversed steep grades, or crossed numerous privately owned parcels were also eliminated from consideration. Some of these trails may be developed as feeder routes to the regional trail.

The trail alignment passes through property owned by Maricopa County, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona State Land Department, and private entities. This segment includes sections of trail that are under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix, and the Town of Cave Creek. The exact placement of the trail within Lake Pleasant Regional Park will be determined by a trail plan study for the facility expected to be completed in 2002.

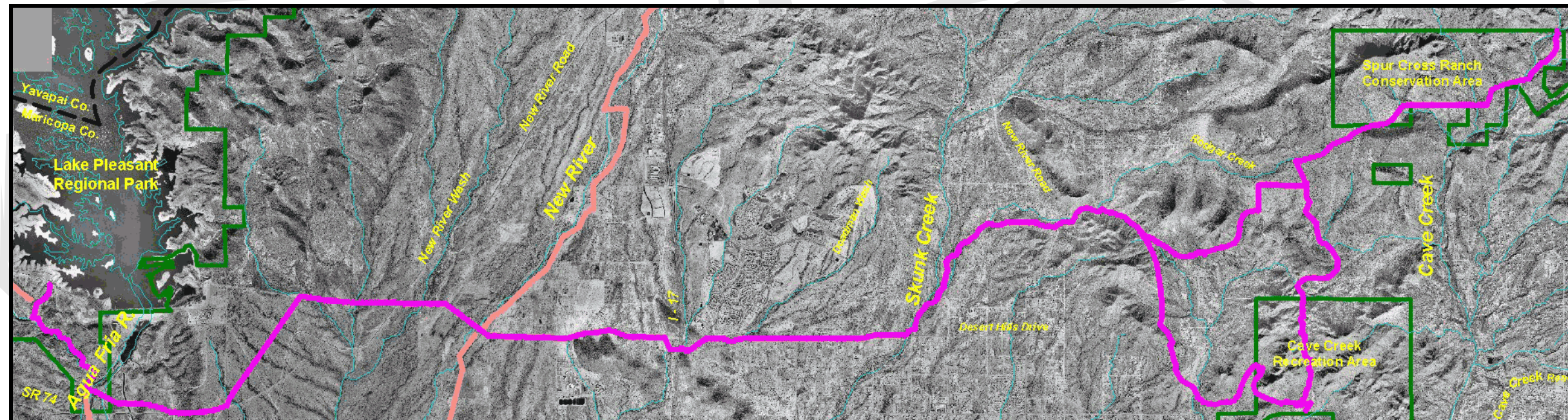
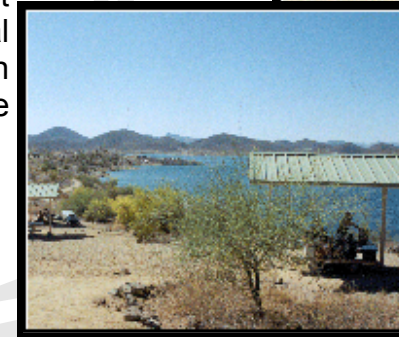
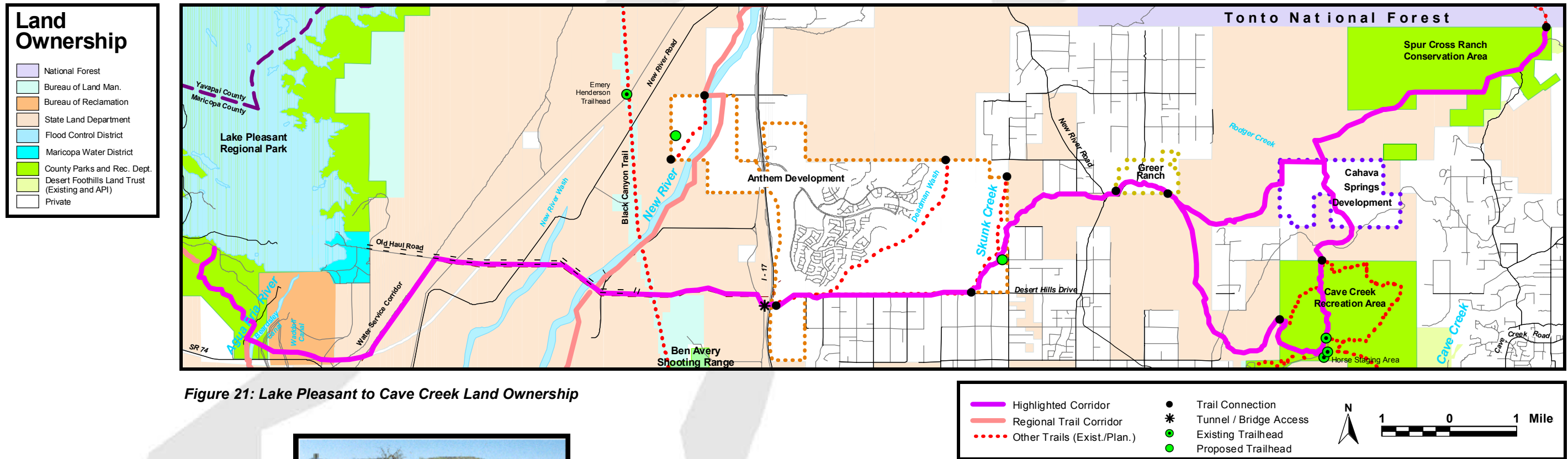


Figure 20: Lake Pleasant to Cave Creek Aerial



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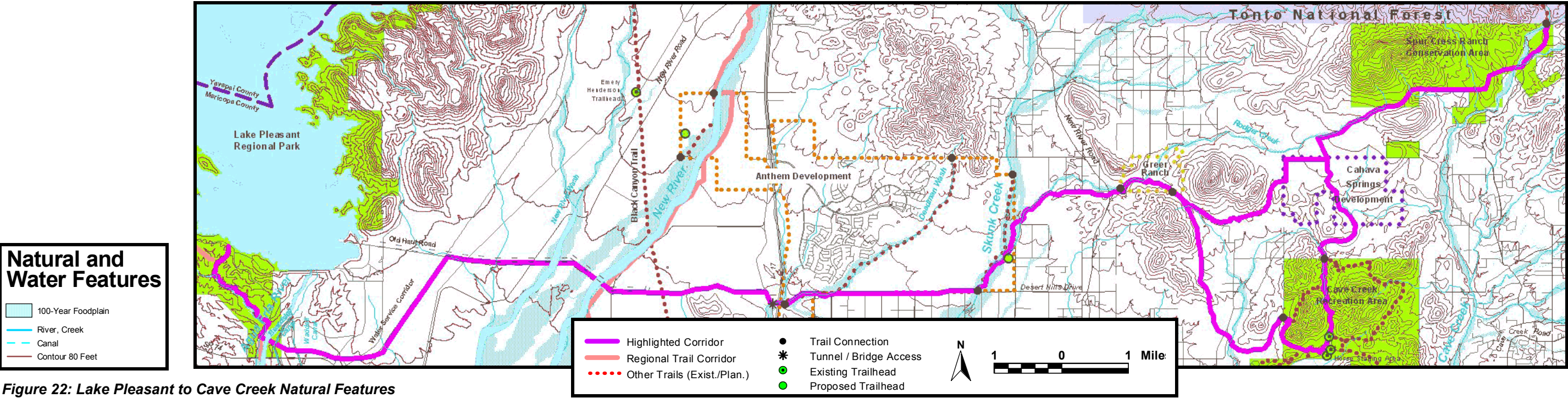


Figure 22: Lake Pleasant to Cave Creek Natural Features





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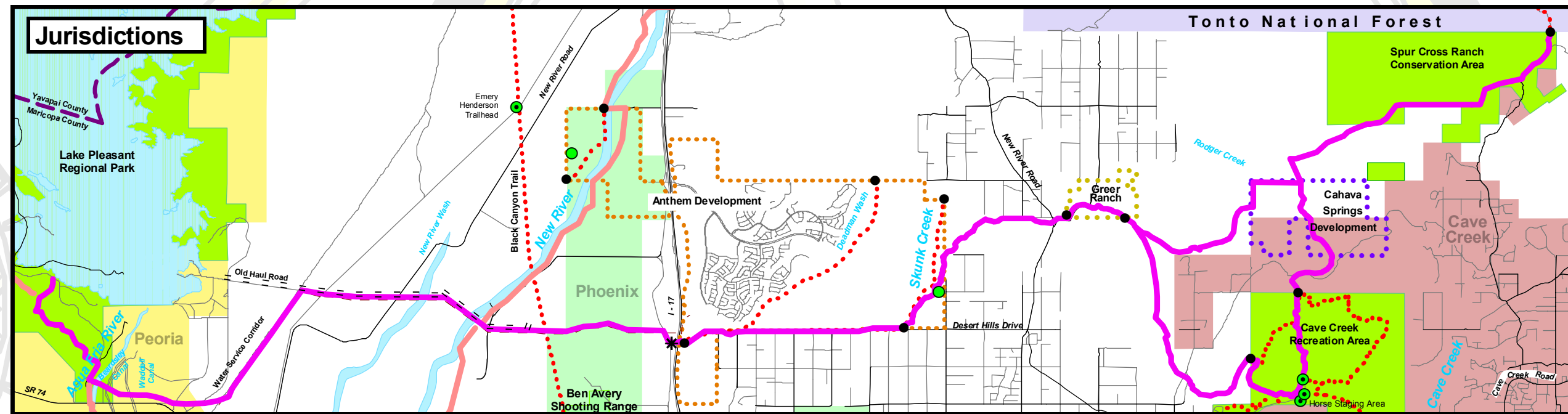


Figure 23: Lake Pleasant to Cave Creek

